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Curriculum Vitae

Boston College
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EDUCATION

- PhD** 2018 School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Dissertation title: “Associations between maternal depression and childhood obesity: Examination of potential mediators and moderators”
Committee: Karen Tabb-Dina, Sharon Donovan, Salma Musaad, Janet M. Liechty (Chair)
- MPH** 2015 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Capstone Project: “Comorbidity of Depression and Diabetes in a Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program”
- MSW** 2012 School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Concentration: Mental Health
- BS** 2011 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bachelor of Science
Magna Cum Laude Major: Psychology
Phi Beta Kappa Minor: Latino/Latina Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Maternal and child mental and physical health among Latinx populations
Risk factors of maternal depression and mood disorders among Latinx populations
Social-contextual antecedents to childhood obesity
Prevention trials for maternal depression and childhood obesity

EMPLOYMENT

2018 Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Boston College

GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS

2016 **Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop 2016**, Columbia School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York, NY. The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Competitive 3-day expenses-paid training grant. McLanahan, Sara (PI), Garfinkel, Irv (PI)

Role: Training Grant Recipient

- 2016 **Seed Grant**, University of Illinois, *United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.*
Aguayo, Liliana (Co-PI), **Pineros-Leano, Maria (Co-PI)**
HOPS: Holistic Obesity Prevention Study with Mexican Mothers and Preschool-Aged Children.
Role: Co-PI
Amount: \$10,000
- 2015-2016 **Seed Grant**, University of Illinois, *United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.*
Pineros-Leano, Maria (PI)
Understanding feeding practices among first generation Latina mothers and families: A qualitative study.
Role: PI
Amount: \$10,000
- 2013-2018 **Doctoral Fellowship, Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program (I-TOPP).**
Five-year fellowship that included tuition waiver, monthly stipend, and travel conference funds.
Training grant from the *United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture* (Award #2011-67001-30101).
Donovan, Sharon (Co-PI), Fiese, Barbara (Co-PI)
Role: Fellowship recipient
Award: \$28,600/ year
- 2011-2012 **University Fellowship**, *School of Social Work*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Competitive fellowship with tuition waiver and monthly stipend for the Master of Social Work.
Role: Fellowship Recipient
Award: \$10,000/ year

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Simonovich, S.D., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Bass, M.E., Stromer, S.M., Kim, K.C., Meline, B., Tabb, K.M. (*In Press*). WIC professionals' adaptations in clinical practice to better assess and address household food insecurity in diverse nonmetropolitan families. *Beyond Borders: Advances in Global Welfare*.

Pineros-Leano, M., Tabb, K., Liechty, J., Castañeda, Y., & Williams, M. (2019). Feeding decision-making among first generation Latinas living in non-metropolitan and small metro areas. *PloS One*, 14(3), e0213442.

- Pineros-Leano, M.**, Tabb, K., Simonovich, S. D., Wang, Y., Meline, B., Huang, H. (2018). Racial differences in breastfeeding initiation among WIC participants in a Midwestern public health district. *Health Equity*.
- Cintron, V., Piedra, L. M., **Pineros-Leano, M.** (2018). Vida Alegre: Teaching Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Spanish. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*.
- Tabb, K., Malinga, T., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Andrade, F. (2017). Impact of pre-pregnancy weight and gestational weight gain on birth outcomes by nativity: A systematic review. *Healthcare*, 5, 67. doi: 10.3390/healthcare5040067
- Pineros-Leano, M.**, Liechty, J. M., & Piedra, L. (2017). Latino immigrants, depressive symptoms, and cognitive behavioral therapy: A systematic review. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 208, 567–576. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2016.10.025>
- Saltzman, J. A., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Liechty, J. M., Bost, K. K., & Fiese, B. H. (2016). Eating, feeding, and feeling: emotional responsiveness mediates longitudinal associations between maternal binge eating, feeding practices, and child weight. *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*, 13(1), 1. doi: 10.1186/s12966-016-0415-5 <http://ijbnpa.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12966-016-0415-5>
- Tabb, K. M., Choi, S., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Meline, B., McDonald, H. G., Kester, R., & Huang, H. (2015). Perinatal depression screening in a Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program: Perception of feasibility and acceptability among a multidisciplinary staff. *General Hospital Psychiatry*, 37(4), 305-309. doi:10.1016/j.genhosppsych.2015.03.008
- Pineros-Leano, M.**, Tabb, K. M., Sears, H., Meline, B., & Huang, H. (2015). Clinic staff attitudes towards the use of mHealth technology to conduct perinatal depression screenings: A qualitative study. *Family Practice*, 32(2), 211-215. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/fampra/cmu083>
- Albino, S., Tabb, K. M., Requena, D., Egoavil, M., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Zunt, J. R., & Garcia, P. J. (2014). Perceptions and acceptability of short message services technology to improve treatment adherence amongst tuberculosis patients in Peru: a Focus Group Study. *PloS One*, 9(5), e95770. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0095770

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- Pineros-Leano, M.** (under review). Association Between Early Maternal Depression And Child Growth: A Group-Based Trajectory Modeling Analysis. *Childhood Obesity*
- Simonovich, S. D., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Hench, K., Meline, B., Tabb, K. M. (under review). Formula and Milk Food Insecurity amongst infants and children in WIC families. *Journal of Human Lactation*

Liechty, J. M., Lee, M.J., **Pineros-Leano, M.** (under review). Cumulative risk for disordered eating among Latinas in the U.S. from adolescence to young adulthood. *Eating Behaviors*

BOOK CHAPTERS

Pineros-Leano, M., Cintrón, V., Piedra, L. M. (2017). Culturally Adapted Cognitive Interventions for Depression- Treatment Tools from Vida Alegre. Benuto, L.T. (Ed.), *Toolkit for Counseling Spanish-Speaking Clients*. New York, NY: Springer Press.

SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS- PUBLISHED REGISTRY

Pineros-Leano, M. Liechty, J. M, & Piedra, L. (Status: completed). *Cognitive behavioral therapy for treating depression among first generation Latinos/as in the US: a systematic review*. PROSPERO 2014: CRD42014013616. International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews, University of York and the U.K. National Institute for Health Research. Available from:
http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/display_record.php?ID=CRD42014013616

Pineros-Leano, M. Calvo, R., Lopez, M., Connors, J. (Status: ongoing). *Family interventions among Latino families to improve family well-being*. PROSPERO 2019: CRD42019112389. International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews, University of York and the U.K. National Institute for Health Research. Available from:
http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/display_record.php?ID=CRD42019112389

AWARDS

2019	2019 Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award Honorable Mention. 2019 Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, California
2018	Gullerud Dissertation Award, \$2000 School of Social Work, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2018	Student Diversity Leadership Award, \$500 School of Social Work, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2017	Graduate College Conference Travel Award, \$550 Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2017	President's Research in Diversity Travel Award, \$800 Vice President for Academic Affairs. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2017	Ackerson Award for Excellence in Student Teaching, \$500 School of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2017	Graduate College Conference Travel Award, \$700 Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2017	Academic Excellence award

- 2016 Graduate College Educational Equity Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Graduate College Conference Travel Award, **\$700**
- 2015 Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 List of “Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students”
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2015 Service Award
 Graduate College Educational Equity Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2014 Van Vorst Graduate Health Administration Intern Fellowship, **\$2500**
 Carle Hospital, Urbana, IL
- 2013 Summer Predoctoral Institute Fellowship, **\$3500**
 Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 Award for Outstanding Service as a Graduate Counselor
 Division of General Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 Excellence in Scholarship
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 Mark P. Hale Award, **\$325**
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016- 2018

Graduate Research Assistant

Supervisor: Margarita Teran-Garcia, PhD; Angela Wiley, PhD

Project Name: Abriendo Caminos

Human Development and Family Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Research: This study provides a 6-week psychoeducational intervention to prevent childhood obesity by promoting nutritional knowledge, physical activity, and interpersonal relationships.

Tasks: Facilitate 6 sessions with Latino families regarding behaviors that promote healthy interpersonal relationships. Collect primary data from families post-assessment and at six month follow-up. Follow-up promotoras (health workers) to ensure consistent community training. Plan and develop monthly meetings with promotoras to ensure wellbeing and to address concerns. Aid in the development of community activities led by the promotoras.

2015- 2018

Principal Investigator

Project Name: Understanding Feeding Patterns and Practices among First Generation Latina Mothers and Families.

Research: This study focuses on understanding feeding patterns among first generation Latina mothers and how these can play a role in the development of childhood obesity.

Tasks: Train, organize, lead, and manage a team of four researchers that include two undergraduate and two graduate students. Schedule individual and group meetings to discuss the development of the project, conduct data analysis, and develop dissemination approaches.

2013- 2018

Research Project Coordinator

Supervisor: Karen M. Tabb, PhD

Project Name: Mood Registry Study

School of Social Work, University of Illinois, Urbana- Champaign

Research: This research focuses on the determinants of health and mental health during the antenatal and postnatal periods.

Tasks: Examine determinants of health and mental health during the antenatal and postnatal periods. Collect primary data and informed consents from mothers in a Public Health setting in Champaign-Urbana. Update the research database with the data gathered from electronic medical record systems. Train and mentor undergraduate students on the project and data. Mentor undergraduate students on the preparation of a manuscript and poster presentation for the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Prepare manuscripts from data collected.

2016-2017

Research Coding Team Coordinator

Supervisor: Kelly Bost, PhD

Project Name: STRONG Kids 2: Protective Parents Subproject

Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana- Champaign

Research: This study aims to investigate the different parent-child interactions that take place during mealtimes to determine how these influence children's self-regulation.

Tasks: Trained and managed one undergraduate and one graduate student on video coding. Held weekly meetings with research assistants to go over video coding reliability. Observed and coded 120 mealtime videos for chaotic interactions between parents and children. Carried out data entry.

2011- 2013

Graduate Research Assistant

Supervisor: Lissette Piedra, PhD

Project Name: Vida Alegre

School of Social Work, University of Illinois, Urbana- Champaign

Research: This research focuses on the implementation of the group “Vida Alegre” with first generation Latina mothers suffering from depression.

Tasks: Implemented and evaluated the group “Vida Alegre” with first generation Latina mothers suffering from depression. Facilitated five groups in Spanish using Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy among Latina mothers with depression. Screened participants before the group started. Gathered qualitative and quantitative data from all the groups.

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentations

- Pineros-Leano, M.** (January 2019). *Association of Early Maternal Depression and Childhood Obesity Development: Longitudinal Association in a Low-Income Sample*. Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Pineros-Leano, M.,** Tabb, K., Castaneda, Y., Liechty, J. M. (January, 2018). *Feeding choices among first generation Latina mothers living in non-metropolitan communities*. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Pineros-Leano, M.,** Tabb, K., Castaneda, Y., Liechty, J. M. (April, 2017). *Feeding practices and lifestyle changes after migration: Perceptions of first generation Latinas living in an emerging community*. Experimental Biology, American Society for Nutrition section, Chicago, IL.
- Pineros-Leano M.,** Saltzman, J., Liechty, J.M., Musaad, S. (January, 2017). *Maternal depressive symptoms and their association with breastfeeding and childhood adiposity*. Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Aguayo L., Galvez P., **Pineros-Leano M.,** Wiley A. (November, 2016) *Young children’s characterization of their obesogenic world: Findings from an international qualitative study with children of Mexican background*. The Obesity Society Annual Meeting. 2016 Obesity Week. New Orleans, LA.
- Lux, E., Carter-Black, J., **Pineros-Leano, M.,** Cleeland, L. (November, 2016). *Teaching intersectionality using personal narratives, identity categories, and student reflections*. Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Program Meeting for the Council of Social Work Education. Atlanta, GA.
- Pineros-Leano, M.** (October, 2015). *Revising the current state of universal perinatal depression screening*. Biennial International Symposium: Healthy Women, Healthy Societies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Pineros-Leano, M. Liechty, J., Piedra, L. (January, 2015). *Cognitive behavioral therapy treatment for depression among first generation Latinos/As: A systematic review.* Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Liechty, J.M., Lee, M.J., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Saltzman, J. (March, 2014). *Longitudinal predictors of disordered eating among Latina adolescents and young adults in the U.S.* International Conference on Eating Disorders, New York, NY.

Poster Presentations

Pineros-Leano, M. (January 2019). *How Early Do Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Childhood Obesity Start?: Differences in Growth Trajectories and Early-Life Predictors By Race/Ethnicity.* Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

Pineros-Leano, M., Tabb, K., Simonovich, S., Wang, Y., Meline, B., Huang, H. (November, 2017). *Racial differences in breastfeeding initiation among WIC participants in a Midwestern public health district.* American Public Health Association 145th Annual Meeting and Exposition, Atlanta, GA.

Tabb, K., Pryde, J., Simonovich, S., Meline, B., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, McDonald, H., Huang, H. (November, 2017). *University and Public Health District Collaboration to Improve Community Health and respond to State-level Maternal Depression Screening Policy Mandate.* American Public Health Association 145th Annual Meeting and Exposition, Atlanta, GA.

Saltzman, J. A., **Pineros-Leano, M.** (May, 2016). *Eating, feeding, and feeling: Do feeding and emotional responsiveness mediate associations between maternal binge eating and child weight?* International Conference on Eating Disorders, San Francisco, CA.

Liechty, J.M., Lee, M-J., **Pineros-Leano, M.** (January, 2016). *Race, place, and health: Neighborhood social-environmental influences on adolescent obesity and overweight in the US.* Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.

Tabb, K., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Quintanilla, C., Belwalkar, D., Huang, H. (November, 2015). *Prevalence of diabetes and depression in women: A systematic review of studies published in the United States.* American Public Health Association 143rd Annual Meeting and Exposition. Chicago, IL.

Tabb, K., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Quintanilla, C., Huang, H. (April, 2015). *Prevalence of diabetes and depression: A systematic review.* Network of Minority Health Research Investigators Annual Workshop, Bethesda, MD.

Pineros-Leano, M. (November, 2014). *Depression among Latina transnational mothers: A systematic review.* American Public Health Association 142nd Annual Meeting and Exposition. New Orleans, LA.

Tabb, K., **Pineros-Leano, M.**, Choi, S., Root, M., Meline, B., Huang, H. (November, 2013). *Perinatal depression screening in a public health women, infants, children program: Feasibility and acceptability*. American Public Health Association 141st Annual Meeting and Exposition. Boston, MA.

INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Pineros-Leano, M. (2019). Invited presenter at the National Perinatal Depression Research Engagement Symposium. *Early-life predictors of racial/ethnic disparities in childhood obesity*. Urbana, IL.

Pineros-Leano, M., Metcalfe, J. J. (2015). Invited panelist at the Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program Biennial Symposium. “*Overcoming transdisciplinary education barriers*”. Urbana, IL.

Pineros-Leano, M., Tabb-Dina, K., Sears, H. Invited panelist at the premiere symposium at the Society for Social Work and Research. “*Invigorating the social work research pipeline: The importance of engaging undergraduate scholars*”. San Antonio, TX.

INVITED CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

Pineros-Leano, M. (April 2016). *The intricate link between physical and mental health among immigrant women*. Women’s Empowerment and International Development Focal Point Research Symposium, Urbana, IL.

Pineros-Leano, M., Liechty, J. M. (October, 2015). *Associations between elevated maternal depressive symptoms, breastfeeding patterns and children’s BMI*. Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program Biennial Symposium, Urbana, IL.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Health and Mental Health Policy
 Statistics: introductory, intermediate and advanced
 Immigrant Families in the United States
 Social Work Research Methods
 Behavioral and Cognitive Methods for Social Work
 Human Behavior in the Social Environment

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2018

Instructor

Course: Human Behavior and the Social Environment

School of Social Work, Boston College

Tasks: taught two sessions of a 16-week course. One session was taught in English and another one in Spanish. Prepared, taught, organized, and led lectures and discussions on topics related to human development and developmental theories.

Fall 2015-
Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant

Course: Diversity: Identities and Issues in Social Work
School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Instructor: Janet Carter-Black, PhD

Tasks: Assisted on the development of the syllabus and lectures. Prepared, taught, organized, and led lectures and discussions of topics related to assimilation, acculturation, privilege, size stigma, and immigration, among others. Designed and graded class assignments including papers, quizzes, and exams.

Spring 2013

Teaching Assistant

Course: Mental Disorders. Human Behavior and the Social Environment
School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Instructor: Teresa Ostler, PhD

Tasks: Assisted on the development of the syllabus and classes. Designed and graded midterm and final evaluations for the course. Analyzed performance on midterm and final evaluations and provided a statistical analysis of them. Assisted with grading of multiple assignments and case studies.

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

Pineros-Leano, M. (May, 2019). Invited panelist. Cancer prevention seminar. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Pineros-Leano, M. (April, 2019). Invited panelist. Transforming the Ivory Tower. A Seminar to Help First Generation and/or Doctoral Students of Color Thrive. Boston College.

Pineros-Leano, M. (October, 2018). Doctoral journey. Guest lecturer, graduate course at Boston College.

Pineros-Leano, M. (November, 2015, March, 2016, November, 2016, March 2017). Immigration. Guest Lecturer, undergraduate course, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Pineros-Leano, M. (November, 2015 and April, 2016). Childhood obesity: Sizeism. Guest

Lecturer, undergraduate course, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Pineros-Leano, M. (October, 2015 and February, 2016). Privilege. Guest Lecturer, undergraduate course, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Pineros-Leano, M. (October, 2015 and February, 2016). Assimilation, Acculturation, Enculturation. Guest Lecturer, undergraduate course, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Pineros-Leano, M. (October 2014). *Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program before and after the affordable care act.* Guest lecturer, graduate course, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Pineros-Leano, M. (February 2014). *Immigration, assimilation, and acculturation.* Guest lecturer, undergraduate course, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Pineros-Leano, M. & Matthews, L. (May 2013). *International social work, poverty alleviation, & Latin America.* Guest lecturer, undergraduate course, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Pineros-Leano, M. (April 2013). *Eating disorders: Understudied populations.* Guest lecturer, graduate course, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

MENTEES

2019-Present	Laura Crowley, MSW student. Boston College, School of Social Work.
2018- Present	William Lopez, MSW student. Boston College, School of Social Work.
2016- Present	Nancy Perez. Undergraduate student of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Presented research findings at the Undergraduate Research Symposium.
2016-2017	Jacqueline E. Bellefontaine, BS. Department of Psychology. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2016-2017	Steve Tran, PhD. Department of Human Development and Family Studies. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2015-2016	Yvette Castaneda, PhD Candidate, MPH, MBA. Department of Kinesiology. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2015-2016	Melissa Roman, BSW. School of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- 2015-2016 Lisett Tito, MSW. School of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2015-2016 Rosa Castro, BSW. School of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2014-2015 Caroline Quintanilla, BSW. University of Illinois School of Social Work. McNair Scholar. Current MSW student at University of Illinois. Presented research findings at the Undergraduate Research Symposium and at the American Public Health Association 143rd Annual Meeting and Exposition. Published study findings in the *Journal of Undergraduate Social Work Research*
- 2013-2014 Heather Sears, MSW. University of Illinois School of Social Work. Presented research findings at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Co-authored manuscript in *Family Practice Journal*

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- 2016 **Graduate Teaching Certificate**, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2016 **Analyzing Repeated Measures Data: ANOVA and Mixed Model Approaches Workshop**. The Analysis Factor. Instructor: Karen Grace-Martin, MS
- 2016 **Structural Equation Modeling Workshop**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Instructor: Kristen Bub, PhD
- 2015 **Network of Minority Health Research Investigators Annual Workshop**. National Institutes of Health. Bethesda, MD.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2014 **Public Health Intern**
 Carle Hospital, Urbana, IL
Supervisor: Lynne Barnes, M.S, Vice-President of Hospital Operations
- Tasks:* Developed and implemented a nursing audit to ensure health care quality delivery to patients in an effort to increase patient satisfaction. Analyzed data and developed written weekly reports on nurse performance. Analyzed national data to compare patient satisfaction across the state. Analyzed hospital data on patient satisfaction and food

service. Developed, implemented and produced a written report on nurse managers' time management.

2011-2013

Graduate Counselor

Division of General Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Supervisor: Mara Freeman, MBA, CAS

Tasks: Conducted needs assessments with freshman and sophomore students at the beginning of each semester. Assisted students on their application and process to transfer into their desired major at the University of Illinois. Counseled students on academic and personal issues. Maintained a caseload of 25 students per semester. Met with students on a weekly or bi-weekly basis depending on their needs. Linked students to proper resources around campus and the wider community of Champaign-Urbana. Provided bi-weekly and final reports for each student reporting their academic and personal progress.

May 2012-
 December 2012

MSW Social Work Intern

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, Champaign, IL
Supervisor: Nicole Wentz, MS

Tasks: Conducted home visits for clients of the Women Infant Children (WIC) program. Input data from home visits into Cornerstone and Insight software systems. Produced flyers and announcements for upcoming events in English and Spanish. Developed and delivered class material for an after school program for Rantoul middle school students. Collected and analyzed data from surveys related to the nutritional infant class.

Summer 2011

Youth Coordinator

The Access Initiative of Champaign County
Supervisor: Shawn Lampkins, PhD

Tasks: Linked youth and their families to the necessary networks and resources in the community of Champaign-Urbana. Conducted trainings with youth on leadership and advocacy skills. Oversaw a training delivered by the youth to their parents on advocacy skills.

Summer 2009

Trained Recruiter

Migrant Education Program, Champaign, IL
Supervisor: Charles Larenas, MS

Tasks: Invited families to participate in the Migrant Education Program, which provides supplemental education to children of migrant parents. Explained the purpose of the program to Latino parents using a culturally sensitive approach. Linked parents to resources in the community.

NEWS / PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2016 “Creating interventions to address childhood obesity”. 2016 School of Social Work Annual Report. Urbana-Champaign. September 2016
- 2015 “Project to use tablets to screen women for perinatal depression”. Illinois News Bureau. Urbana-Champaign, IL, March 19, 2015
<https://news.illinois.edu/blog/view/6367/204390>

SERVICE

Academic

- 2018- Present Peer reviewer. *Journal of Latina/o Psychology*
- 2018- Present Peer reviewer. *Journal of Medical Internet Research- Mental Health*
- 2014- Present Abstract Peer Reviewer, American Public Health Association
- January 2014 Invited panelist for the symposium at the premiere research conference: Society for Social Work and Research entitled “Invigorating the Social Work Research Pipeline: The Importance of Engaging Undergraduate Scholars”
- 2013- Present Peer Reviewer, *Qualitative Social Work*
- November 2013 Session moderator at the American Public Health Association 141st Annual Meeting and Exposition. Boston, MA

Departmental Service

- 2018 Invited faculty member, MSW recruitment session, School of Social Work, Boston College
- 2018 Invited faculty member, PhD Students of Color association, Boston College
- 2018 MSW Latino Leadership Initiative orientation, School of Social Work, Boston College
- 2016 - 2017 Faculty-selected member of Dean search committee. School of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2016 - 2017 Search committee member for assistant professor. School of Social Work University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2015 - 2016 President, Doctoral Social Work Association. School of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2014 - 2015 Chair, Doctoral Social Work Association. School of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2014 Search committee member for program director of the Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program (I-TOPP). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012- 2013 Member, Mental Health Concentration Committee, University of

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of Social Work

Community

2016 - 2018 Crisis Nursery Volunteer, Urbana, IL
 2011 - 2012 Treasurer, Colombian Student Association at UIUC, Champaign, IL
 2008 - 2009 Member, Latino Club, Parkland College, Champaign, IL

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2016- Present Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
 2015- Present American Psychological Association (APA)
 2014- Present Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB)
 2013- Present American Public Health Association (APHA)
 2013- Present Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)
 2010- Present Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society

ANALYSIS SOFTWARE

SPSS, SAS, R, Stata, Mplus, NVIVO

LANGUAGES

English (ILR level 5- Bilingual proficiency)
 Spanish (ILR level 5- Native speaker)
 French (ILR level 2- Limited working proficiency)